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## BLUES AWAY

*Michael J. Kaltofen*

The rain drops on the tin roof  
Firewood stacked to the ceiling  
The old man shivers  
Listening to the wind

He picks up an old guitar  
Plays a long, slow lick of blues  
The stories in his song are warm  
The feeling in his voice is true

The moon emerged, the black sky broke  
The old man stopped the rain  
His music told the wind to blow  
Then the clouds blew away

He passed on off to sleep  
His six-string aglow on the floor  
The fire crackled a melody  
The guitar played "Sweet Lanore"

It sang blues away  
No more pain today  
Time to slip away  
Time to go away.